deposits, loan distribution etc. during each of the last three financial years in the State of Orissa; and

(b) the target fixed and loans granted in Agricultural and Industrial sector and also under self-employment scheme during the above period by each of the banks in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Bank-wise deposits and advances of public sector banks in Orissa as at the end of December 31, 1996 (latest available), March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1995 as furnished by UCO Bank, the Convenor Bank for State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) of Orissa, is given in Annexure-I. [*See* Appendix 181, Annexure No. 60]

(b) Bank-wise target and achievement in lending to agriculture and Small Scale Industries (SSI) under Annual Credit Plan 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 upto December 1996) of Public Sector Banks in Orissa as furnished by UCO Bank is given in the Annexure—[See Appendix, Annexure No. 61]. The progress in implementation of Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) by public sector banks in Orissa as reported by UCO Bank is in Annexures [*See* Appendix 181, Annexure No. 62]

उपभोक्ता वस्तुओं के खुदरा मूल्यों पर उत्पाद शुल्क लगाया जाना

2284. **श्री रामगोपाल यादव :**
श्री ईश दत्त यादव :

क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने उपभोक्ता वस्तुओं के खुदरा मूल्यों पर उत्पाद शुल्क लगाने का निर्णय लिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसी उपभोक्ता वस्तुओं की संख्या कितनी है और उनके नाम क्या हैं; और

(ग) उक्त वस्तुओं के खुदरा मूल्यों पर उत्पाद शुल्क लगाने के पश्चात् उपभोक्ताओं के लिए इन वस्तुओं की कीमत क्या होगी और उपभोक्ताओं पर इसका क्या प्रभाव होगा ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री (सतपाल महाराज) : (क) से (ग) वित्त अधिनियम, 1997 द्वारा केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क अधिनियम, 1944 में एक नई धारा 4 क जोड़ी गई है ताकि सरकार खुदरा बिक्री मूल्य के संबंध में विनिर्दिष्ट उत्पाद शुल्क वस्तुओं पर उत्पाद शुल्क लगा सके । इस धारा के उपबन्धों को अब तक केवल विनिर्दिष्ट सौन्दर्य वर्द्धक सामग्रियों और प्रसाधन निर्मितियों के संबंध में ही लागू किया जाता रहा है । उपभोक्ताओं के लिए खुदरा मूल्य बहुत से कारकों पर निर्भर करते हैं । मात्र मूल्यांकन पद्धति में परिवर्तन के कारण पड़ने वाले प्रभाव को बताना कठिन है ।

Posting hashish through parcels

2285. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether drug peddlers are resorting to a novel modus operandi of posting hashish through parcels;

(b) whether the customs in Delhi intercepted 110 packets containing narcotics bound for different countries and recovered as much as 90 kg of drugs during the last one year;

(c) whether this can be termed as merely a tip of the iceberg and in fact drugs smuggling has been continuing on a very large scale; and

(d) the reasons why our intelligence and law enforcing agencies have failed to prevent this menace so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Narcotic drugs have been seized from 79 packets at the Foreign Post Office. Besides two cases were detected in Courier packets at IGI airport, New Delhi. The details of seizure are as follows:—

Description of drug	Quantity seized (in kg.) 1996-97	1997-98(till 30-7-97)
(i) Hashish	54.753	—
(ii) Heroin	0.154	16.898
iii) Others	0.153	0.190

(c) and (d) Available reports do not suggest large scale smuggling of narcotic drugs through parcels. Intelligence & enforcement agencies are on high alert to prevent the menace of drug smuggling. Specific measures taken include targetting of intelligence, deployment of trained sniffer dogs at the airports and air cargo complexes; close liaison with foreign drug law enforcement agencies.

Setting up of a DD Centre at Melghat — Maharashtra

2286. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) in view of more than 4500 deaths of tribal children in the Melghat Forest area of the Amravati district of Maharashtra, whether Government will consider setting up Doordarshan Centre and other facilities so that it can be used for preventing such calamity;

(b) if so, what are the Government's plans in this regard; and

(c) when will this be actually implemented?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) Four Low Power TV transmitters (LPTs), one each at Amravati, Achalpur, Morshi and Chandur, and a Very Low Power TV transmitter at Chikaldhara are at present, functioning in Amravati district of Maharashtra. Some parts of this district also receive TV service from the High Power TV transmitter functioning at Nagpur. With a view to further strengthen TV service in the district, LPTs are envisaged to be set up at Daryapur and Tiwsa, subject to approval of the schemes by the competent authority. There is, however, no approved scheme at present, to set up a TV transmitter at Melghat. Further expansion of TV service in the hitherto uncovered parts of Maharashtra will depend upon availability of resources, infrastructural facilities required for the purpose and inter-se-priorities.

Loss to Doordarshan due to NDTV

2287. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether NDTV caused loss of Rs. 6.6 crores to Government as per CAG Report 1995-96 if so, the details thereof;

(b) what were the reasons of the aforesaid loss; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to recover the loss and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) The Re-